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Parking frustrations mount



Joey Anchondo

The Spectator

Full time Public Safety officer Lori Patterson looks for parking violations in the Columbia Street garage on Tuesday. Greater enrollment numbers could be partly to blame for the strain on parking facilities.

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Copy Editor

Students circling campus for an hour and half daily in search of an available parking spot may find the search will soon get easier, provided they get here soon enough.

With 1,534 spaces available and 1,700 passes sold, competition over parking spaces can be tense,

especially when a car without a permit occupies that valuable space worth \$177 per quarter.

However, according to Mike Sletten, director of Public Safety and Transportation, the 11 percent over-distribution is normal and balances out with the amount of spaces available because it includes both daytime and overnight permits.

The race for parking spots has

yielded to two main concerns for students and for the Public Safety Department: drivers taking parking spots without valid permits and the time that drivers are arriving on campus.

In response to the first concern, Sletten said Public Safety is working with these issues as they patrol the garages and lots.

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Career ending injuries declining

Mike Baldwin
Staff Writer

Ian Forner is an anomaly.

The freshman soccer player, who also played rugby in high school, is currently in rehabilitation from an ACL tear. This in itself is nothing special, ACL tears are a common injury for athletes. But what isn't common is that Forner's recovering from his fourth tear in the last four years.

"My first one was on a slide-tackle. The other three happened with no one around me, just cutting wrong," said Forner.

Twenty years ago, one ACL tear may have been enough to end Forner's career. Recovering from four would be unheard of.

However, thanks to advances in the medical field players like Forner

are able to not only recover from ACL tears, but do so at a high success rate. Just six months after surgery players can return to playing at their highest levels.

"I've seen guys come back from ACLs and you couldn't pick them up on the field," said men's soccer head coach Brad Agoos. "Some of the best players in the world, like Ronaldo, have had ACL surgery."

While the improvements in both the diagnosis and treatment of ACL tears have been on the rise, so have the number of ACL cases. Some blame the emergence of turf fields which are harder on the joints. Others attribute it to the increase in the amount of time younger athletes spend playing their respective sports. Thirty years ago, younger athletes played only during their respective sports seasons. For

example, young men would play football in the fall, basketball in the winter and track or soccer in the spring. Currently, young players are committed to both club teams and school teams, meaning their season is year-long.

"There's a lot more exposure," said certified athletic trainer Mark Escandon. "That changes how they train and how long they play."

Dr. Michael McAdams, an orthopedic physician, said that while ACL tears have been on the upswing, consistent with the rise in participation of sports that most often produce these tears, such as soccer, football and basketball.

"There's a trend of kids playing on school teams and club teams. Playing sports year round is more commonplace," he said.

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Protests provide avenue for campus activists

Emily Holt
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Protests and student-led demonstrations are a natural part of Seattle University. Students commonly gather to speak out against injustice and inequity. The trend is evident in the multi-colored flyers streaming across campus promoting walk-outs, teach-ins and public demonstrations.

This year is no exception, as Seattle U students continue to raise their voices on a diverse array of issues.

Just last week, students from Seattle University and the University of Washington gathered outside of the downtown Macy's to protest the merchandiser's use of sweat-shop labor in Guatemala. Students from the University of Washington wore garbage bags to symbolize their choice not to wear clothing produced in sweat-shops.

In a few weeks, another group of Seattle U students will gather in Georgia outside of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security

Cooperation, formerly known as the School of the Americas.

The Seattle University Anti-Sweat Shop Committee has also been active over the past year, working to ensure more accountability for sweat-free labor at the Seattle U bookstore, and the Seattle University chapter of the Socialist Alternative is planning anti-war protests for Oct. 27 and Nov. 16.

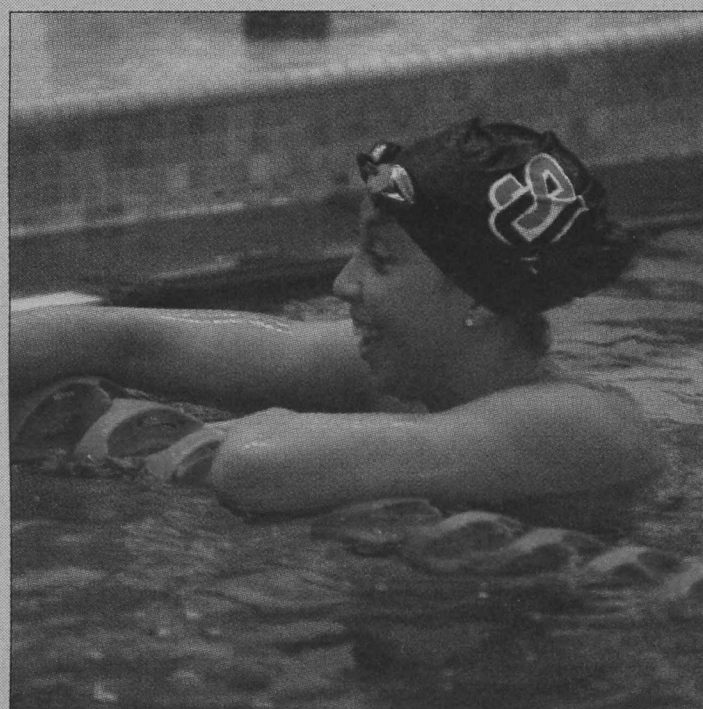
Public displays of political discontent are ubiquitous at Seattle U. But with so many different protests, and with these atrocities still occurring with less-than-thorough national media coverage or action on the part of political representatives, are protests effective as means of change?

"The purpose of any kind of large, mass demonstration is to call attention to an issue but [...] what's a walk-out without education?" said Gary Chamberlain, professor of theology.

Chamberlain is one of the faculty advisors for the annual School of the Americas trip to Georgia.

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Individual successes amid swim team loss



Braden Van Dragt

The Spectator

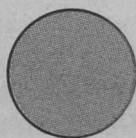
Seattle University Junior Christina Hunsberger competed in the 1000 freestyle during a swim meet with Loyola Marymount. Hunsberger took first place in the event while earning an NCAA B qualifying standard.

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Students speak their minds through organized protests

▶ “You need a much more developed overall strategy to go about educating people on the issue,” said Chamberlain. “It is one thing to block freeways, [and it’s] another to educate people.”

Chamberlain’s work in preparation for the trip to Georgia includes information sessions and intensive studies from the interested students he advises.

Part of the draw of protests is breaking social norms that go with them.

“A protest is doing something out of the ordinary that draws attention, [and] violates the normal rules of society,” said Jeff Philpott, director of core curriculum and professor of communications. “The best protest chooses to do that in a way that highlights some evil.”

Philpott studies social movements and protests through rhetorical devices. He emphasized how protests build group identity and cohesion and spoke to the specific success of the SOA protest, despite the institution’s continuing operation.

“It is successful on a couple of levels,” said Philpott. “It continues to raise awareness of issues and involves a large group all over the country, which is an effective way to symbolize an issue.”

The social display of public discontent deemed the most controversial in the eyes of many students is the walk-out, especially for paying college students. In previous years, students have walked out in small numbers from Seattle U to protest non-school related issues such as the war in Iraq.

Philpott noted that the key to a successful walk-out is to make sure

that the institution one is walking out of is related to the cause one is protesting.

Thirty to forty years ago, large numbers of college students assembled to protest events like the Vietnam War. Can protests still be as effective today as they once were during previous generations?

“In the 60s and 70s, there was a cause that resonated with the time and a large number committed to the cause,” said Philpott. “Given the right leadership, such [protests] could still work today.”

Philpott cited the protests against the World Trade Organization, but emphasized that a large mass of people is the most important aspect of effectiveness for protests.

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Jeff Philpott
Communications Professor

Although there was not a critical mass during one such protest on the Seattle University campus last spring, the effectiveness of the event is still under debate.

Students in the anti-sweat shop campaign organized a demonstration last June 4, designed to be either a celebratory response for the administration’s adoption of the Designated Supplier’s Program—a document that would hold universities more accountable for knowledge of the labor used to produce

their collegiate apparel—or as a protest against a failure to sign onto the DSP.

The Anti-Sweat Shop Committee, consisting of administration, faculty, Bookstore Manager Bob Spencer and students like sophomore pre-major Sean O’Neill, had been meeting throughout last year to review the university’s Code of Conduct in regards to sweat-free labor.

“Because of the ineffectiveness of the Anti-Sweat Shop Committee, we decided to put pressure from the outside,” said O’Neill, who organized the rally last June. “The flyer stated that the rally was to happen as 12 p.m., and [the administration] signed on at 11 a.m., showing that our pressure affected them.”

“If that didn’t happen, we would probably still be fighting to sign the DSP,” he added.

O’Neill lamented the use of rhetoric and the slow process of the DSP signing.

“There was a fear [in the upper administration] of binding to issues that they did not know much about,” he said.

O’Neill’s new goal for this year is to address the bookstore’s sale of Russell Athletic Apparel. Russell threatened to close its factory in Honduras when workers tried to unionize.

“Our administration has received a copy of this report about union-busting and has yet to act,” said O’Neill.

O’Neill and his peers are still in the planning stages of how to respond, but protests are among the last resorts. He said that he is more intent at the moment with talking to the administration about the issues that concern him.



Courtesy Katya Ekimoto

SU students exercise their right to protest at an anti-sweat shop rally held last June. According to the students, the rally was a success.

The effect of the protests that O’Neill helped organize may not have been as large as many people thought, however. Tim Leary, senior vice president, admitted that he had been mostly unaware of the protest that was planned for June of last year.

“The [Anti-Sweat Shop Committee] had been studying the issue for six months and the intention of the group was to sign the document” said Leary. “I didn’t know, quite frankly, that the rally was to happen. We were asked to sign a document that had not been fully written yet, and wanted to know what we were signing.”

Either way, Leary spoke on behalf the university’s commitment to vocalized expressions of discontent.

“I think it is a little surprising for students to realize that they do

not need to fight their administration,” said Leary. “The sign of a healthy institution is not only one that tolerates but welcomes students voicing their opinion.”

Leary cited the vigils held last spring regarding the closing of the Bessie Burton nursing home last year as an example, and noted Fr. Sundborg’s approval of the action.

Although Bessie Burton still closed, the war continues in Iraq, the SOA still operates and immigration is still a contentious issue, vocal students and faculty are not stopping their work.

“Protests are one of the main reasons that the media starts covering [an issue],” said O’Neill. “They are a creative, way beyond an obvious statement of disapproval.”

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Students discuss racial issues at Jena Six forum

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A collection of almost 60 Seattle University students and faculty members gathered in the Pigott Auditorium last Tuesday to engage in a dialogue about the Jena Six.

Over the past couple of months, the Jena Six has been a catalyst for conversation on the issue of racism in American society.

For some, the saga surrounding six young men in Jena, Louisiana being tried as adults for attempted murder has served as an eye-opening narrative on race relations in America.

The controversy stems from a perceived double-standard of the justice system in racially-segregated Jena. There has been public outrage, rallies and a wealth of media coverage in response to the issue.

At Seattle University, the issue has given way to a spirited dialogue on race.

Of the four guest speakers, Dr. Pamela Taylor, associate professor at the College of Education, offered perhaps the most vivid account of her experience with racism. Whether in Chicago, New Jersey, Mississippi, Indiana or Seattle, Taylor was confronted with racially-charged incidents everywhere she lived.

Despite her own preconceived notions, she said that there is no regional favoritism when it comes to racism.

“Where is racism? It’s everywhere,” said Taylor.

Many students voiced frustration about general disregard toward issues of racism in this country. The consensus was that a focus on racism in our everyday life is necessary, rather than dialogues on race that only surface when there is a high-profile case.

“Why is it that it takes a national issue like this to get people talking about racism in this country?” asked one student during the discussion.

For others, the issue of racism

takes a back seat to other issues of lesser importance, and the underwhelming focus on racism is in contrast with our saturation of meaningless pop culture.

It is important for students to know that racism is a reality in our everyday life.

Monica Nixon
OMA Director

“People are worrying more about Britney Spears losing her baby than they do about racism in our society,” said another student at the forum.

The coordinators of the forum hope that meetings such as these can get students away from the tabloids and geared toward serious social issues.

Another group of students felt that the forum was educational, but were upset that white students were singled out as particularly inactive on racial issues.

“It was a one-sided conversation, but I support the Jena Six,” said Will Johnsen, a senior journalism major who attended the forum with his communications class. “I feel like it’s a scary issue that no one wants to talk about.”

Monica Nixon, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said that it is essential for students to be involved in social issues. She added that the best way for students to become involved in these issues is to hold meetings and functions to open up the dialogue.

Nixon alluded to the “SU Bubble,” pointing out that there is sometimes a temptation for students to become self-involved and indifferent to the important issues that are occurring off campus. At the very least, Nixon does not want students to only focus on events that

are occurring on campus.

“It is important for students to know what is happening off campus, and what is going on in the world,” said Nixon. “It is important for students to know that racism is a reality in our everyday life.”

Nixon said that she was “encouraged and impressed” by the dialogue held by the students. Several students offered a variety of opinions that reflected the diversity of the crowd.

Can Seattle U do more to get students involved in social issues? “Of course,” said Nixon.

“There is always more that we can do to raise student awareness” says Nixon. “We want to make sure that we are talking about things that are happening outside of the SU community. For us not to talk about [the Jena six] would have been an oversight.”

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Dorms battle for bragging rights

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The third floor of Chardin Hall dodged, spiked and scrambled their way to the KCBCMX Games title over the weekend.

This year's tournament between the residence halls of Seattle U pitted students against one another in an event designed to promote campus cohesion. According to the members of the Residence Hall Association, KCBCMX—Kolvenbach, Chardin, Bellarmine, Campion, Murphy and Xavier—was a big success.

The event consisted of three different games, each with three different phases. Students who participated had their choice between video games like Guitar Hero and Dance Dance Revolution to the Frisbee and volleyball tournaments in the Connolly Center.

"It was really a fantastic use of a Saturday," said Jake Weaver, a freshman electrical engineering major who participated in the first heat of the Ultimate Frisbee tournament and the word scramble in the Casey Atrium.

The day began with an opening ceremony at the student center at 10:15 a.m. and culminated after a pie-eating contest at Cherry Street Market.

Residence Assistants like Sean Baird volunteered to make sure the day was a success. Baird also competed in the dodge ball event.

"It was a lot of fun," said Baird, sophomore theology major. "I got drilled in the face."

Each floor in each of the four residence halls, along with the Murphy Apartments and the Kolvenbach Community, had a



Courtesy Katya Ekimoto

Grace Mahoney, an RA in Campion tosses the frisbee to Rose Slavkovsky in the KCBCMX Games in Saturday.

sign up sheet for students who were interested in participating in the KCBCMX Games.

These floors then compete separately for the KCBCMX championship, an honor that allows the winning to display a plaque in their hallway for the rest of the year. The winner this year was the third floor of Chardin Hall.

Those in charge of the event said they were pleased with the turnout and that problems were kept to a minimal level.

"The events have all had pretty good turnouts," said Rachel Wang, programming coordinator for the Residence Hall Association. "We did have to turn a couple of people down, but we've been trying to be flexible."

Wang, sophomore nursing major, whose job in the RHA is to run events like this one, said that some teams did not inform those in charge of the games that they would be participating, and had to

be turned away.

Despite this problem, the event was a success, thanks to the volunteers and RAs that came out to help.

"A lot of RAs came out and were very helpful, so it's gone really well," said Chelsea Ryberg, junior electrical engineering major and vice-president of internal affairs for RHA.

The event went off without a hitch and participation was high.

"It was very well-organized and almost every floor was represented," said Nicole Hoyes-Wilson, who advises RHA.

The RHA staff and the Residence Advisors agreed that the event was a good way to network between the residence halls.

"As an RA, it's nice to see residents from my halls and other getting along," said Baird.

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Politically-minded clubs prepare for new year

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The College Republicans and the Young Democrats, Seattle University's chief organizations for the politically-minded, are ready to take on the 2007-2008 school year.

Both of the groups have different issues that they will be campaigning for this year. The College Republicans plan to reach out to other groups and will support debate on both sides of the spectrum.

The College Republicans have several specifically defined goals at the moment. Their ideas center on the promotion of conservative viewpoints and dispelling student misunderstandings about conservatism.

"Our first goal is to become more active on SU's campus, so students are able to hear a point of view that is otherwise not promoted here," said Kelley Goetz, junior political science major and president of the College Republicans.

Goetz and the College Republicans also hope to show the false nature of the stereotypes that often surround political classifications.

"It's shocking to me that so many students assume because I am conservative that I am homophobic, gun-crazy, oil-loving and uncaring about the poor," said Goetz. "By engaging our campus community we hope to break through these stereotypes."

Both clubs have planned events coming up this year, which will be organized on different levels.

"[The Young Democrats] have primarily focused on simply encouraging student political involvement by bridging partisan gaps and reaching out to work with fellow student organizations—even if they promote differing agendas," said Lindsey Egan, president of the Young Democrats and junior English major.

Egan also hopes to encourage conversation between the two groups.

"[There is going to be] another debate with the SU Debate Team and the SU College Republicans sometime this winter," she said.

Though it is too early in the year for the Young Democrats to decide which issues will be of special importance, the College Republicans already have several of events planned.

"One of our biggest goals is to reach out to our community," said Goetz. "We plan to fundraise for care packages for SU alumni currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan."

The College Republicans also have other projects that may interest students, including a newspaper that they will be independently publishing.

"The first issue of The Chieftain, a conservative newspaper, is also due out by the end of fall quarter," said Goetz.

She also mentioned that the

College Republicans will be involving themselves in more community service activities.

"We also wanted to do volunteer work. Whether that's serving in a soup kitchen or cleaning up a park, we haven't yet decided," said Goetz.

Though the Young Democrats and College Republicans represent two different political parties with differing agendas, they plan to cooperate on various projects, along with other groups, throughout the year.

"Starting in winter quarter we will be hosting debates with the Young Democrats, Socialist Alternatives, and Libertarian groups on campus. Our first topic is health care reform," said Goetz.

Egan and the Young Democrats are also eager to open the conversation in a way that they hope will be more productive.

"I think students right now are fairly disgusted with such a polarized political arena, and people seem more willing to communicate and work on common issues that bridge different ends of the political spectrum," said Egan.

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Kelley Goetz
College Republicans President

Students agree that cooperation between the two clubs should be beneficial.

"It shows you shouldn't always be in opposition with your opponents. You should work together," said Cara Southworth, freshman chemistry major.

Other students are excited by the potential of the two groups as well.

"I think it's a really cool idea, because you get the two views of the two different parties, and it provides a more well-rounded opinion of the project," said Makenna Coe Smith, freshman civil engineering major.

There are many ways interested students could join either club.

"Currently, the SU Young Dems are primarily seeking student leaders interested in running for officer positions" said Egan.

Goetz is also looking for new members for her club.

"This year we've been tabling, as all clubs do, to reach out to SU students," said Goetz. "Many students are unaware that there is a College Republicans club on campus, and we're trying our best to get our name out there."

Both clubs hope to get their voices heard on campus in the 2006-2007 school year.

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Hunger Banquet serves up reality

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Fifteen percent of attendees received a meal of salad, pasta, bread, soda, and desert while seated at a table with linen and fine silver ware.

Twenty-five percent of attendees received rice, beans and water, and were allowed to sit in chairs.

The other 60 percent?

Just a plate of rice and a cup of water, and they were required to sit on the floor.

These were the meals served at the Hunger Banquet on Oct. 18, put together by the Seattle University chapter of Oxfam.

Each of the groups corresponded to a particular income level: those at the table represented the high income workers; those in the chairs represented the planet's middle income wage earners; and those on the floor represented the low wage workers.

By comparison, the U.S. federal poverty threshold for a family of four was an income of \$19,157 per year in 2004.

"It's to help make people aware of the differences in the world community, and how random their place in life really is," said Mikey Alston, Oxfam co-president.

Oxfam also used the event to raise awareness of the upcoming revisions to the U.S. Farm Bill.

Sonya Milonova, the club's other co-president, explained her concerns with the current bill and with Oxfam America as a whole.

"The majority of [farm] subsidies in the United States go to a few very large farms; 60 percent of U.S. farmers don't get any at all," said Milonova.

She also explained that large farms are encouraged to over-produce, and the excess products from these farms is dumped on foreign countries. The products sold to these foreign markets are so cheap that substantial damage has been done to some developing economies.

Based on the 2006 Fiscal Year Budget of the United States Department of Agriculture, more than \$8 billion in subsidies were given to U.S. farmers.

As participants finished their food—or settled into the sound of their rumbling stomachs—a presentation was given by members of Oxfam at the Hunger Banquet.

To illustrate the problems that the inequality in subsidies can generate, an episode of the PBS television series NOW was shown. Originally broadcast on March 9,

2007, it deals with the impact agricultural subsidies are having on the world economy; specifically, those related to cotton.

The evening came to a close with a group discussion, and the Oxfam members provided a phone number that participants could use to contact their congressmen. According to the presenters, congressmen should vote in favor of elimination of the subsidies in the upcoming Senate vote on the Farm Bill.

As the presenters described it, it only takes about seven phone calls to an office to show that a particular issue is one of great importance.

At the end of the night, despite some uncertainty about what course to take, students felt that they had found a new commitment to the issue of farm subsidies and the disparities between wage-earners around the world.

"I'm definitely struggling with what makes a difference and what makes me feel good," said Audra Shaw, a freshman international studies major. "I will be contacting my senators and congressman, as that definitely does make a difference."

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Increased wages still fall below cost of living

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As part of its program to raise minimum wage based on cost of living increases every year, Washington state will raise the minimum hourly wage to \$8.07 in January.

Washington, which continues to be the state with the highest minimum wage in the nation, bases the raise on an increase in cost-of-living expenses in 2007. Initiative 688, passed in 1998, requires the State Department of Labor and Industries to adjust the minimum wage according to changes in living expenses.

This year's increase will amount to 14 cents, up from the current standard of \$7.93.

The state's policy for raising minimum wage based on cost of living increases has been hailed as a step towards eliminating poverty. Minimum wage workers in Washington will make over \$4400 more per year than those workers in Idaho, which follows the federal minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour.

However, as unprecedented as the minimum wage requirements of the state are, recent studies show that the increase may not be enough to make a substantial difference in the quality of life for Washington residents.

Albers School finance professor Peter Brous said extreme increases in minimum wage may be held back by the capitalist system. Increasing the amount employers must pay may significantly hurt their profit margin.

"It depends on the type of business," said Brous. "If your major cost is low-wage employees, then your cost structure may hurt significantly. I don't think it will hurt Microsoft."

What about the idea that the more people earn, the more they spend, therefore helping the overall economy? Brous said this may only apply to certain businesses,

specifically those that cater to low-wage earners.

"Some might say that the increase in cost to companies may be passed on to consumers," said Brous. "It's pretty clear that low-wage employees will profit from this. It's unclear what will happen to those businesses."

For students, the minimum wage increase will most likely not have a profound impact on their financial well-being. While the increase could help the quality of life of a starving student, minimum wage increases do not way keep up with the rise of tuition. The 14 cent increase will give a full-time minimum wage worker around an extra \$300 a year, far below the standard increases in tuition each school year.

Additionally, a recent study determined that workers in King County need to make a minimum of \$12.35 per hour in order to afford basic living necessities, nearly \$4 more than the increase will bring to the minimum wage.

A single adult with two children would have to make \$23.04 an hour in order to earn a living wage. According to a Northwest Job Cap Study, for every position paying that amount of money, there are eight workers seeking the same amount. That means that 79 percent of job openings for a single adult with two children will pay less than a living wage.

Even with the increase, earning a living wage can still be a challenge.

"It helps," said Dakota Hoel, who earns minimum wage at a lumberyard in Bellingham. "But it's not like it changes my life. To tell the truth, I probably wouldn't have noticed a 14 cent raise on my paycheck."

While the increase was smaller than in past years, it still gives Washington the fastest-rising minimum wage since 1996, when President Clinton signed in the current federal minimum wage of \$5.15. Since 1997, the state's minimum wage has increased nearly \$3, which is more than any other state in the nation.

As the minimum wages rises, so does the amount of debate on the subject. Opponents of minimum wage argue that when the wage increases, the number of minimum wage jobs decrease in order for employers to lose as little money as possible.

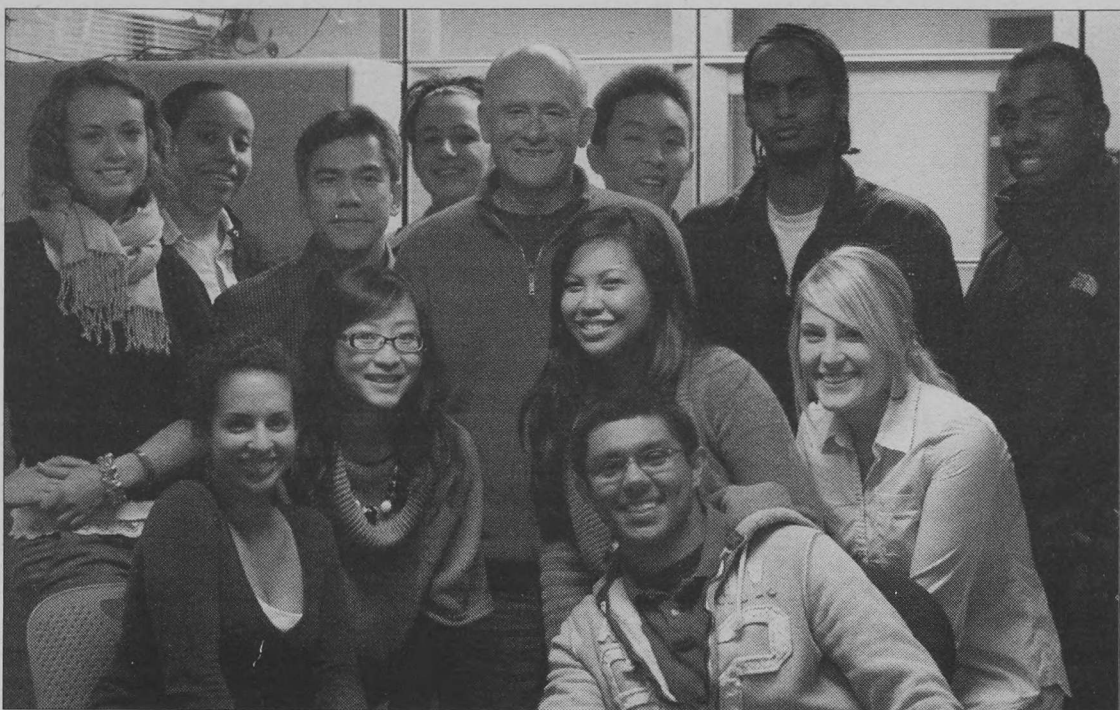
A study by the Economic Policy Institute, however, found that states with higher minimum wages than the federal limit actually had faster growth in companies, jobs and payrolls.

Brous said the fact that Washington has become a pioneer in the drive to increase minimum wage may have something to do with its political demographic.

"It's about who's running the country," said Brous. "Do they believe in free markets and competition to generate prices or do they think they need government intervention to protect or help people that are not in power?"

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PR program extends off campus



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Barry Mitzman, top center, with Seattle University's Public Relations Students Society of America.

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If public relations seems too dull, too deceitful or too bland, take notice of Seattle University's new major.

The new strategic communications major and its accompanying department are headed by industry veterans. Barry Mitzman, former director of strategic communications for Microsoft Corporation, will be entering his new role as director of Seattle U's Center for Strategic Communications in December.

Professor Soon Beng Yeap, former global public relations director for Starbucks Coffee Corporation and founder of the strategic communications department, revels at the opportunity to create the program with young minds and Mitzman.

"The idea of how we get instructed, educated, is now a two-way street," said Yeap. "Just as you come to school to learn, Barry and I are coming here to learn."

Both Yeap and Mitzman have ideas for two new programs they would like to initiate at the university.

First, they want to ask student focus groups for organizations and businesses to come onto campus and listen to what university students are interested in.

"Young people have advantages in their ability to reach their peers," said Mitzman.

Yeap also emphasized the subtle difference between public relations and strategic communication.

"[It's] beyond spin," said Yeap. "At the end of the day, we return to the truth."

He cited the historical change from media relations to persuasion, and said he thinks the strategic communications profession will be an influence on what he calls a "stake hold" economy.

This, Yeap explained, is an economy where someone with a blog in their mother's basement could sway an audience. "It's about providing strategic council, helping organizations figure out what they want to communicate, then how to communicate that message," said Mitzman.

Located on the second level of the Lynn building, it covers maybe

half of the second floor. Compared to the buzz it's causing among students and within the professional realm, it looks and feels small. Five computers line part of the east and north walls, with Mitzman's office at the south end.

"It's a very functional space," said Mitzman of the location. "It's not where the building is, it's where the students are."

However small it may appear, Mitzman and Yeap create big dreams and goals in the Lynn building, where the communications department is housed.

Possibly the most practical opportunity for students in the strategic communications department is the Social Partners Agency, or SPA.

The SPA is a public relations agency for non-profit organizations, run by strategic communications students. Both Mitzman and Yeap hope to have the SPA ready by spring quarter and running multiple projects for multiple organizations.

It would be comprised of five members and if more people are interested, more teams would be created. The teams will be self-organizing, with Mitzman as the program's advisor and director.

"Think of it as a startup," said Yeap. "Students will need drive, [and] an entrepreneurial spirit."

Both Mitzman and Yeap envision the SPA as a way to network with local companies and organize experiential learning for students. They want the group to be an example of what is being done with the new strategic communications major. According to Mitzman, the SPA is ideal for those transitioning from academia to the professional world.

"You've done everything a professional does, you're just transitioning," said Mitzman of his plan to move students from the SPA into a career.

Yeap added to what he sees as the product of working in the SPA.

"By the time the student is a junior or senior, they are the best in the business," said Yeap.

Mitzman and Yeap also want professional strategic communications experts to come in to class as guest speakers and present how they use strategic communications

in their careers.

As the public relations industry changes, Seattle U, under the guidance of Yeap, has tried to change with it. This factored into the creation of the Center for Strategic Communications.

Part of keeping in step with the changes, the center has a 3-to-5 year vision. Part of this vision includes offering professional development courses for current professionals, and possibly tailoring those courses to specific companies. One aspect currently in place is the hosting of conferences for public relations agencies that work on social change topics, such as environmental concerns and food politics.

One reason for creating the department was students who wanted an actual strategic communications major. Before Yeap's hiring, the university lumped students like junior Bailey Thompson in with the communications department. Even then, the classes specific to public relations or strategic communications were limited.

But with the addition of Yeap and Mitzman, and the introduction of new courses, the interest among students is growing.

"I absolutely love Soon Beng [Yeap]," said Thompson. "He's so awesome. His enthusiasm was a big part of all of us in that core group being excited about the major."

Senior strategic communications major Kevin Serrame was one of the first students to enter the program last spring. He said he made the change because not many schools in the country offer it, and because it offers more than public relations.

Currently, Serrame uses the skills he's learned from Yeap as a web developer for the city of Seattle.

"It's a radical approach to public relations," said Serrame. "The only thing I dislike about the program, so far, is that it's still being developed."

But as the center for strategic communications develops, new faculty and new courses will be added. With the enthusiasm of Mitzman and Yeap, and the idealism of new students, strategic communications will be attempting to take public relations beyond spin.

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Nonprofit career fair draws crowd

Joshua Lynch
Staff Writer

Jillian Glazer graduated from Boston University thinking she wanted to be a journalist.

But she decided it wasn't for her. Glazer found herself only wanting to write editorials about all the injustices and social issues she encountered on the job.

"The way my writing was going I figured I should go that way with my career, too," said Glazer, who graduated from BU in 2005.

So Glazer began her new career as a staffing coordinator for Action Without Borders (AWB), a nonprofit organization committed to connecting other organizations and individuals to more effectively tackle the problems of the world.

Wednesday Oct. 17 found many professionals, undergraduate and graduate students considering nonprofit careers like Glazer's at the Idealist.org Career Fair held in the Campion Ballroom.

Idealist.org is AWB's interactive Web site where organizations can network, exchange ideas and recruit employees. Idealist.org career fairs are named after the Web site and provide opportunities for organizations and interested individuals to connect.

The fair hosted representatives from 82 nonprofit organizations or graduate school programs, and 443 individuals attended, said Glazer, who organized the event.

With so many organizations looking to fill intern, part-time and professional positions, the Idealist.org fair is a perfect chance for students to jumpstart a career.

"I think all students actually should go," said Joe Barrientos, interim director of the Career Development Center. "Although students may not be interested in working for the nonprofit sector, they do have opportunities for volunteer or part-time work that

will give students transferable skill sets."

These skills will prove valuable in other careers, and research shows holding an internship increases the possibility of finding a professional position within the same organization later, Barrientos said.

For sophomore pre-major, Jake Wild, the fair was an opportunity to explore some more possibilities.

"I'm always looking for ideas that lead to new directions," Wild said.

Students weren't the only attendees at the career fair looking for new directions.

At the fair they find out about ways to harness their passion to make a difference.

Jillian Glazer
AWB Staffing Coordinator

Gina Moore-Sanders was among many professionals present searching for a more meaningful career.

"I decided not too long ago that what I was doing in the laboratory was not extending to the world. I decided I wanted—needed—to make that link," said Moore-Sanders, who earned her doctorate in molecular biology from the University of California San Diego.

People like Moore-Sanders can frequently be found at Idealist.org's nationwide career fairs.

"Oftentimes people have an idea about what they want to do in their career, but at the fair they find out about other great ways to harness their passion to also make a difference in the world," Glazer said.

But she warned that the rewarding work also comes with some heavy burdens. Nonprofit employees will have an emotional investment

in their work and will have to do more with less for problems big and small, Glazer said.

A problem faces the entire nonprofit sector as baby boomers begin to retire, however. According to a study conducted by Bridgespan Group, a nonprofit management advisory organization, nonprofits will have to attract and develop 640,000 new executive leaders within the next ten years.

This makes the Idealist.org career fair just as beneficial for organizations as it is for job-seekers.

"I feel like [Idealist] is a really great organization," said Ethan Blustein, a member of the Safe Schools Coalition of Washington who was staffing a table at the fair. "It's great to network here with other organizations in and around the city to just get us out there."

Mildred Smith, manager of volunteer services at Crisis Link, felt the fair has benefited the King County nonprofit organization not only through networking, but by attracting volunteers and employees.

A Crisis Link employee was hired at the Idealist.org career fair last year and volunteers were recruited, Smith said.

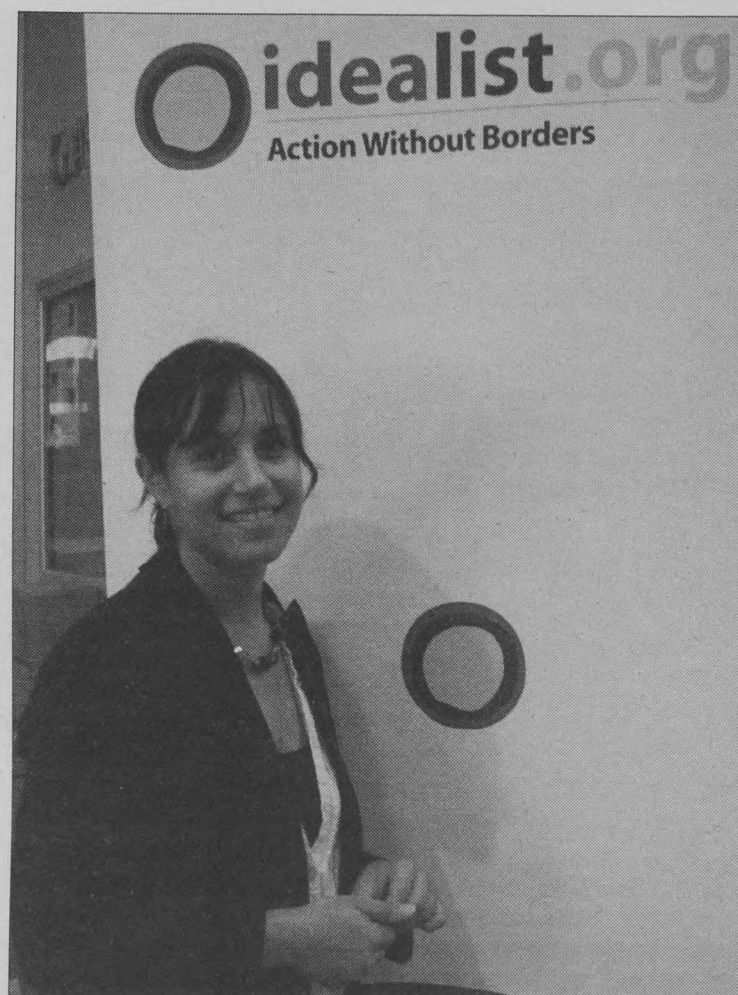
Seattle University itself has seen a rise in the percentage of students entering the nonprofit sector or volunteer and service arena after graduation, according to Barrientos.

Seattle U received a Peace Corps Award of Appreciation for having a top ten ranking for the number of graduates participating in the Peace Corps program.

The university also has several graduates volunteering with Teach for America, an organization that places recent college graduates in neglected schools throughout the nation's urban areas.

This interest from young students is promising for nonprofit employees like Glazer.

Standing among the tables and throng of possible nonprofit leaders



Julie-Ann Ignacio

The Spectator

Above, Jillian Glazer, coordinator of the idealist.org event. Several organizations set up tables at the nonprofit career fair, below.

at the career fair, Glazer could barely contain her excitement.

"These events are simply amazing in the terms of the energy in the room," Glazer said. "To be surrounded by so many people working

hard not just for a paycheck, but for positive change—that is truly a wonderful feeling."

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Students struggle to find parking in afternoon

▶ "We are citing vehicles without a valid permit and have cleared a lot of vehicles out in the past 10 days," said Sletten. "We are out re-directing vehicles without permits away from the garages and lots, and citing and impounding vehicles not in compliance."

Two weeks ago, at the parking booth at the university's 12th Avenue and Marion Street entrance, one student approached an on-duty public safety officer, complaining about cars without permits blocking in her car.

The student expressed her anger about the incident, citing the fact that she paid "a lot of money" for a spot that she could barely find anyway, and that to be blocked in by a car without a permit was unacceptable. The student also claimed that several cars were parked in the lot without permits.

Whether similar incidents have happened at other parking

booths on campus isn't known, but the issue that angered this particular student seems to be getting more attention recently.

Junior mechanical engineering major Eddie Oclima said he's also noticed that students without permits park in the lots and he spoke from personal experience.

"I used to park without a permit. I bought a permit because I got ticketed all the time during summer," said Oclima.

Oclima frequently parks in the lot on Columbia, which he said isn't a problem because he arrives on campus by 7:45 a.m. After 8:00 a.m., however, finding a space isn't likely.

Student public safety officer Daniel Clemons, senior communication major, works the Columbia booth between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. According to Clemons, the traffic he receives tends to ask for redirection to open spaces.

"There's definitely a need for an increase in parking because there's

often not enough," said Clemons.

However, Clemons said he has not heard any complaints regarding students parking illegally.

Molly Dugan, graduate student in student development and administration, said she's noticed that it's more difficult to find parking this year compared to past years.

We [...] have cleared out a lot of vehicles in the past 10 days.

Mike Sletten
Public Safety Director

"It's harder to find parking this year," said Dugan, though she said that she is not aware of whether it is because students are parking without permits.

Dugan highlighted that parking availability boils down to the time

of arrival, which other students also noted as a key factor.

"I usually don't have trouble unless I get here late. People who have earlier classes are the luckier ones," said Maya Shindo, senior criminal justice forensic major. "If you have classes in the afternoon you're out of luck, you have better luck parking on the street."

Parking hasn't caused law school student Monique Cohen any headaches, though she said she hears about the concerns of others who have to drive around the lots several times in search of a spot.

According to Cohen, it all depends on the time of day.

John Gallagher, of the School of Theology and Ministry graduate program, also said that in his experience, arriving early to campus secures a parking space.

Gallagher said he also noticed other students experiencing parking problems, though.

"The other day, I was at Public Safety for something else and

someone was returning their pass because they said they can't find parking spaces," said Gallagher, "but I thought, 'I've never had that problem.'"

Gallagher, however, arrives on campus around 7 a.m.

As for decreased chances of finding spaces, Sletten said he's definitely seen a rise in the amount of students who have cars, especially with the increased student population.

Public Safety will continue to monitor the lots and garages on patrol on a short-term basis.

In terms of long-term solutions, Sletten said, "We are exploring different access control systems, and new parking areas are also being evaluated now."

Sletten advised permit holders to report violators to 296-5990 or use the Blue Light phone to report violations.

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Professor climbs outside the box

Alex Girma
Volunteer Writer

Madhu Rao wouldn't exactly classify himself as the adventurous type, but he says that he'd like to try anything at least once.

He got the chance to exercise his taste for adventure when he embarked on a journey to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. Rao conquered the mountain in August and said that the experience was "like no other."

"I think I rediscovered my love for nature and the joy of being away from it all," said Rao.

Born in Rajahmundry, a town in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, Rao grew up in Delhi. As a child, he dreamed of being an astronaut, a dream that he hasn't quite given up.

But perhaps his most interesting quirk is his dream of becoming a

star in the Indian "Bollywood" film industry. Unfortunately, his dreams of stardom were thwarted by his inability to dance.

I find that climbing helps clear my mind of the stress of daily life.

Madhu Rao
Associate Professor

Rao attended the Birla Institute of Technology and Science in Pilani, Rajasthan and completed his doctorate at Indiana University in the field of management information systems. He took a visiting position at American University in Washington D.C. and in 2000, he

joined the Seattle University staff.

Rao is currently the associate professor of E-Commerce and Information Systems (ECIS) in the Albers School of Business and Economics. He also is the faculty lead for the graduate China Study Tour and the faculty advisor to the ECIS Club.

He also manages the viciously competitive Albers March Madness Pool every year.

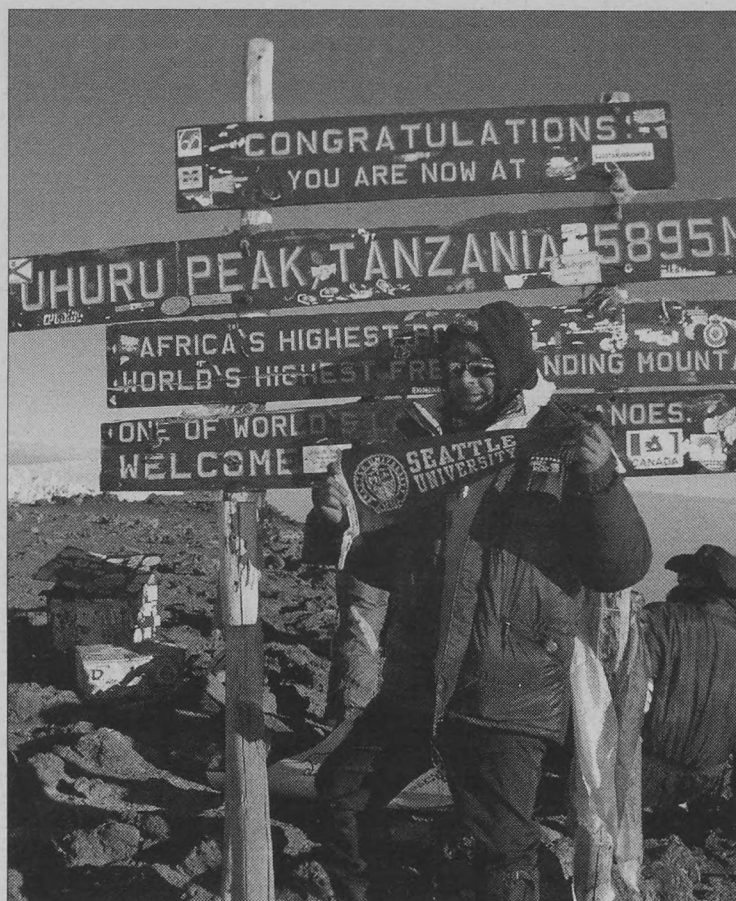
Because the multi-talented Rao is busy with his work life, he tries to find a way to relieve the stress. Climbing, he said, offers a way to relax, both mentally and physically.

"Hiking offers a great way of helping body and mind at the same time. I find that climbing helps clear my mind of the stress of daily life, much like yoga and meditation," said Rao. "At the edge of exhaustion, things tend to take the proper perspective."

The rigorous climb of Kilimanjaro provided him with a profound feeling of undeniable achievement.

Rao first began to think about climbing Kili—as he calls it—in June 2007 after months of sporadic training. One month later he found himself at an elevation of 19,340 feet at Uhuru Peak, the summit of Kilimanjaro and Africa's highest point. He marveled at the aesthetic beauty of the mountain.

"Tanzania is an incredibly vibrant country and Kili is its crown jewel," said Rao. "[Tanzania] is



Courtesy Madhu Rao

Professor Madhu Rao after a climb to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

almost completely flat in the plains around the mountain, and then Kili shoots up like a scoop of ice cream that has fallen onto a kitchen floor."

Climbing for five hours a day through four or five climate zones can have an effect on the body and mind. But while others were vomiting at the side of the summit trail, Rao managed to keep his composure.

Rao's associates insist that his determination stems from his ability

to guide others. Gail Lasprogata, associate professor of marketing and Rao's good friend, calls him a person with "authentic leadership."

So what lies in the future for the man who has visited China, Singapore, France, Scotland, England, and Australia?

"I still have to try whitewater rafting," said Rao. "But I do draw the line at bungee jumping."

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Friday, October 26

12:00 pm

Casey Atrium

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upcoming events

10/25-11/18 Play: *Life of Galileo*, Lee Center for the Arts. Visit brownpapertickets.com for tickets.

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Tuesday, Oct. 30

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Oct. 25

The Polyphonic Spree, Rooney

The Showbox, 8 p.m., \$25
Seattle Symphony
The Moore Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$25

Oct. 25-Nov. 10

Into The Woods

5th Avenue Theatre, \$22 and up

Oct. 25-Nov. 18

Life of Galileo

Lee Center for the Arts,
7:30 p.m., \$6 student, \$20 general

Oct. 26

Himsa CD Release with Book Of Black Earth, Owen Hart

El Corazon, 7:30pm, \$12
Floater, The Mob Law, Low Thin Square
The Showbox, 8 p.m., \$12

Oct. 27

Black Mountain, Cave Singers

The Crocodile, 9 p.m., \$12, 21+

Chiodos, Scary Kids Scaring Kids, Emery

Showbox SODO, 6 p.m., \$19

Oct. 28

Boys Like Girls, All Time Low, The Audition, We The King

El Corazon, 7 p.m., \$12

Aesop Rock, Black Moth Super Rainbow, Blockhead with DJ Signify

The Showbox, 8 p.m., \$20
Tiger Army, Street Dogs, Said Radio
Neumo's, 8 p.m., \$15

Oct. 29

Architecture in Helinsky, Glass Candy, Panther

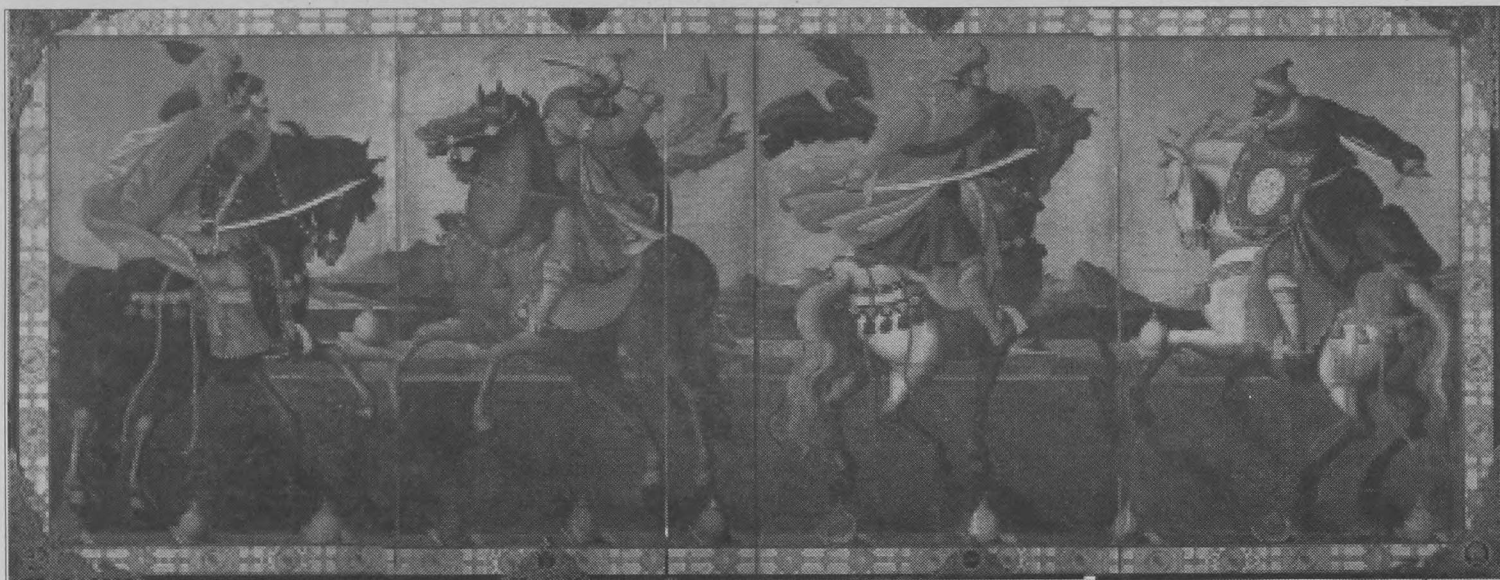
The Showbox, 8 p.m., \$16

Oct. 29-30

Brand New, Thrice, MeWithoutYou

Showbox SODO, 6 p.m., \$28

Projecting the West through new lens



Courtesy Seattle Art Museum

(above) Foreign Emperors and Kings on Horseback, (below) Two Ladies Looking through a Telescope. both can be seen at the permanent collection of Asian art in the Seattle Art Museum.

Rob La Gatta

Online Production Editor

If you haven't been downtown yet to check out the recently remodeled Seattle Art Museum, there's no better time than now, during their fantastic exhibit "Japan Envisions the West."

The show, which runs through Jan. 6, is a byproduct of the half century long sister city relationship between Seattle and Kobe, Japan. Featuring everything from maps to portraits, from paintings to ceramics and beyond, this exhibit manages to give a concise lesson in Japanese art while simultaneously explaining the history of trade and foreign relationships for the island nation.

The exhibit is fairly small, just 140 pieces according to the SAM

Asian style, there is a lot of activity: little children playing hide and seek; a man tripping and falling; Dutch or Spanish traders, identifiable by the pointed hats on their heads, laughing while they dance with villagers. The amount of action in the piece, coupled with its sheer immensity, make "Scene of Trading with Foreign Merchants" one of the more pivotal pieces of early Japanese artwork displayed in this exhibit.

Perhaps my favorite piece on display was Kawahara Keiga's "Nagasaki Harbor," from the early 19th century. This piece, also undeniably Asian in its style, can only be described as thrilling. I found myself staring at it in detail for almost 10 minutes.

Using a wealth of greens and blues and a meticulous attention to detail, Keiga's piece, an aerial portrait of Nagasaki Harbor with Dejima Island and Dutch trading ships nearby, gives viewers a greater understanding of the Dutch influence on the region.

Though a fairly small piece, Keiga still managed to load it with the finest of details. You can almost feel the claustrophobia of Nagasaki's tightly packed residential core, especially when juxtaposing it with the open, rural regions located in the less-populated areas of the harbor. Frankly, the exhibit is worth it for this piece alone.

Also worth watching for are two pieces, from Utagawa Yoshitora and Utagawa Yoshikazu, respectively, located towards the end of the exhibit in the section highlighting Japan after its opening to the outside world. Though starkly different in execution, both these paintings show the often humorous, off-base stereotypes of American culture held by the Japanese at a time when they knew very little of life in our country.

These pieces, part of a style called "yokohama ukiyo-e" that developed in the middle of the 19th century, are a part of a widespread artistic movement aimed at introducing Western culture through pictures and paintings.

The first, "Hot Air Balloons in the American City" from 1867, revolves around the artist's misconception that the western world



Courtesy Seattle Art Museum

relied heavily on hot air balloons as a method of transportation. Yoshitora has developed a beautiful, albeit fictional, representation of an American city where well-dressed couples join each other for lunch by swinging over to a friend's house on their balloon.

Directly next to Yoshitora's piece is one that differs starkly in its mood but also takes creative liberties similar to those seen in "Hot Air Balloons in the American City."

Yoshikazu's 1861 piece "Steam Locomotive in an American Town" was painted 11 years before the Japanese imported their first steam train from the English, but that didn't stop the artist from giving his own interpretation of what the steel beast might look like.

The result is a mysterious, atmospheric and almost science fiction-like scene. A sharp contrast to the bright blues and greens of Yoshitora's piece, "Steam Locomotive in an American Town" takes place at nighttime, almost entirely painted using a liberal dose of blacks, greys and dark blues. The locomotive, alien in nature, looms in the background, while men stand around casually in

the forefront. The overt presence of American flags also seen in "Hot Air Balloons in the American City" is equally present.

Both are excellent pieces that highlight the cultural gap still noticeably strong in the 1860s, and it is a shame that SAM couldn't get more yokohama ukiyo-e for this exhibit.

Still, "Japan Envisions the West" is worth checking out due to the niche focus of the images on display. There are many pieces that you'll likely never get another chance to see unless you find yourself at Kobe City Museum, where most of these works are originally from, which is an added incentive to see them before January.

You won't regret seeing this exhibit, one of the finest to come to Seattle in years. For even the most casual art critic interested in vivid imagery, Japanese culture, the history of the western/eastern relationship, "Japan Envisions the West" is a thrill.

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Asian-American theater takes the lead

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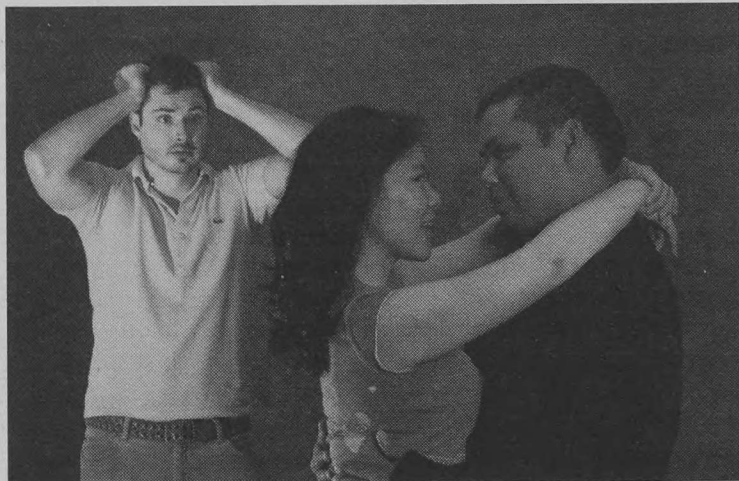
Four women. One city. Discussing everything from pregnancy, marriage, cheating husbands, doe-eyed roommates to "turkey baster babies".

"Episode 15: The Anatomy of Love," the next installment of the episodic theatre show, "Sex in Seattle," premiered at Richard Hugo House last Friday night, Oct. 19 to a full house. The longest-running show of its type, Sex in Seattle has portrayed four cotemporary Asian American woman and their struggles with love and relationships for over a decade.

While Sex in Seattle loosely parodies the hit HBO series "Sex and the City," which is loaded with frivolity and excess, this production deals with issues of gender, race and culture with smart and fast-paced wit without losing its sexy allure.

The latest installment of the show features Jenna, played by Serin Ngai, Tess, played by Lisa Marie Nakamura, Elizabeth, played by actress and writer Kathy Hsieh, and Chloe, played Miko Premo.

Juggling with their on-again off-again relationships and, for some, the demands of the traditions of their respective Asian backgrounds, each character has a distinctive personality. Jenna is a naive but driven graphic designer, Tess a party going "miss independent", Elizabeth a hopeless romantic, self-appointed "Virgin Queen", and Chloe a



Courtesy Hugo House

Kathy Hsieh preforms in Sex in Seattle at the Richard Hugo House.

manipulative gold-digger.

Hsieh wrote the show in part because, as an Asian American female, she had always been cast as the "other woman" in productions, never the lead character. Due to the lack of entirely Asian American casts in the media, Hsieh saw a need to portray how second-generation Asian Americans deal with relationships since their experiences differ so much from their parents. The show features snit-bits of films in which classic love stories such as "Gone With the Wind," "Casablanca" and "Sleepless in Seattle" are cast and re-shot with Asian American leads to show the disparity between human experiences and typical casting.

"There is often only one Asian American in a television show. What we need is variety, to say that we are not all the same and have different voices and viewpoints," said

Hsieh.

For Hsieh, Seattle was the perfect place for the show to premiere for two reasons.

"I have heard people say that Seattle is one of the hardest places to get a date. Is it the weather? Our independent streak? We want to show people that they are not isolated and alone," said Hsieh. Moreover, "There is also no major Asian American theatre in all of Washington."

Asian Americans, however, make up the largest percentage of people of color in King County, according to Hsieh.

ShawnJ West, director of Sex in Seattle, used this dilemma to his advantage.

"In acting, theater, there should be social justice. [Here] Asian Americans are portrayed in a positive light," said West. "I never had to

say to actors, 'You are stereotyping' which was enlightening."

The actors themselves often deal with issues of race while being cast in theatre. Jose Abaoag, a Filipino American actor in Sex in Seattle who played Tess's love interest, recently beat out five other Caucasian males for the lead in another play.

"It just goes to show that you have to bring yourself period, and your race after," said Abaoag. "It is about convincing that you are the best actor for the role."

Abaoag has done readings with Hugo House in the past and performs in another show where banned books are read.

"I love this organization. There are always packed houses, with Asian Americans and gays and lesbians well represented," said Abaoag.

The next episode of Sex in Seattle will premiere next September. The show has a very loyal fan-base that comes back each year and gives online input. Each character also writes a personal diary online.

Sex in Seattle is progressive in its field, not only for producing sexy, witty theatre with heart and vital issues, but also for showcasing an under-represented part of the population.

West foresees Sex in Seattle as part of a greater initiative.

"Someday, there will not be Asian American theater, just theater."

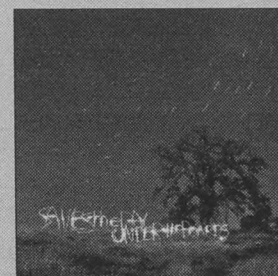
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This raw, haunting album comes across as dancy without being cheesy, and emotional without being emo—if that's possible. The series of short songs range from aggressive and rhythmic to drudgingly moody.

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"Gangster" film shines

Roman Christiaens
Volunteer Writer

Only one thing comes to mind after watching "American Gangster," the Godfather has nothing on this guy. Directed by Ridley Scott, the man who brought you "Gladiator" and "Aliens," "American Gangster" is a shocking portrayal of Harlem police corruption in the early 1970s and the drug kingpins who were at the center of it all.

Washington shines in this 'bad guy' role as an ambitious man from segregated North Carolina who worked as a driver for the crime boss Bumpy Johnson. When Johnson dies from natural causes, his gangster empire is up for grabs and the apparent heir is a bull-headed, foolish gangster by the name of Idris Elba. Enraged by this sudden shift of power, Frank travels to Thailand in search of a dependable heroin source. Using army transport planes to ship the drugs into America with the help of his soldier cousin, Frank begins his rise through the ranks of the drug industry.

At the other side of the spectrum is the cop Richie Roberts, played by one of Ridley's favorite actors, Russell Crowe. Richie is the only one in the police district with a heart of gold and quickly falls down the rungs of the ladder after turning in a hefty sum of embezzled money that had previously been in the possession of a more "experienced" cop. Although he himself has a conflicted set of morals, Richie demonstrates his integrity when he turns in his fellow partner

for murder.

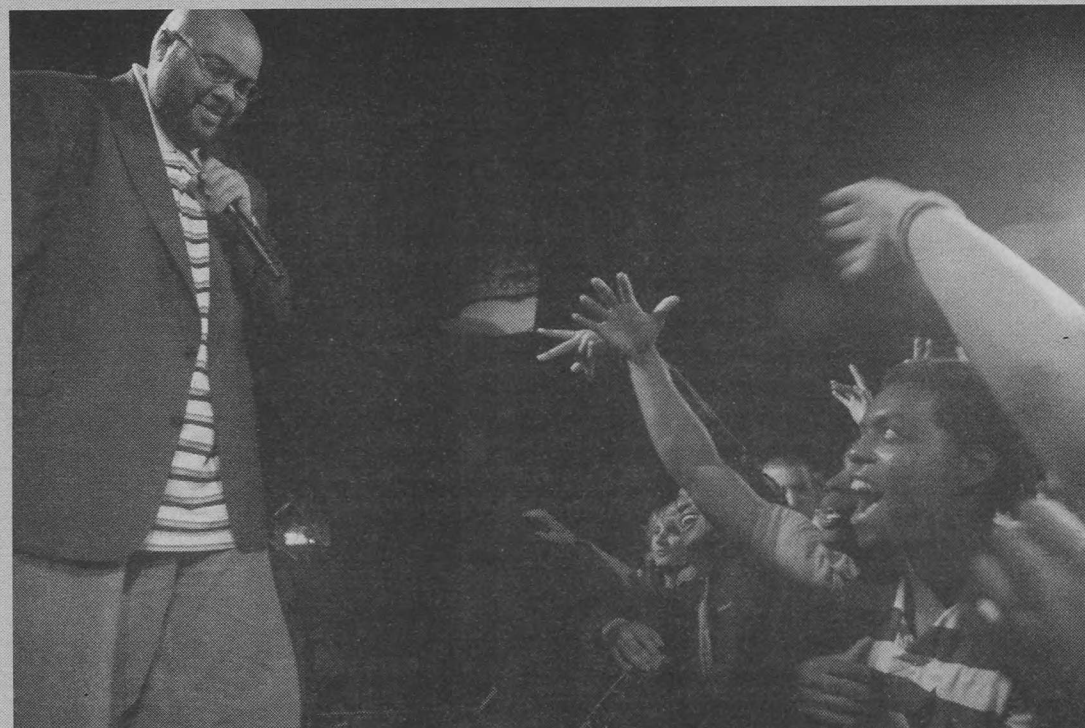
Meanwhile, Frank's quality product quickly spreads on the east coast with the aid of his large family. But with fame comes unwanted attention from the Italian Mafia and the corrupted Detective Trupo, played by Josh Brolin, who begins to haggle him for a chunk in his earnings.

As Frank's notoriety persists, Richie is asked by his boss Toback, played by Ted Levine, to head a new narcotics division far away from the sullied police branches of Harlem. Slowly, Roberts is able to piece together random bits of evidence to locate the source of heroin that is fast becoming the main drug of New York. Just as Roberts's world is becoming whole again, Lucas's is falling apart, bringing the movie to a satisfying climax where friend and enemy become equals.

Based on a true story, "American Gangster" showcases the life of Frank Lucas with vivid and uncensored reality, superbly portrayed by action-flick master, Ridley Scott. Denzel Washington's portrayal as the subtle villain, the type that will be hosting a dinner party one moment and bashing a guy's head with a piano the next, is unforgettable and guaranteed to make you cringe. Not to mention, Crowe's role as the righteous cop with demons of his own creates a perfect fit for the movie. From the first scene to the last, "American Gangster" will take you for a ride and never let you go.

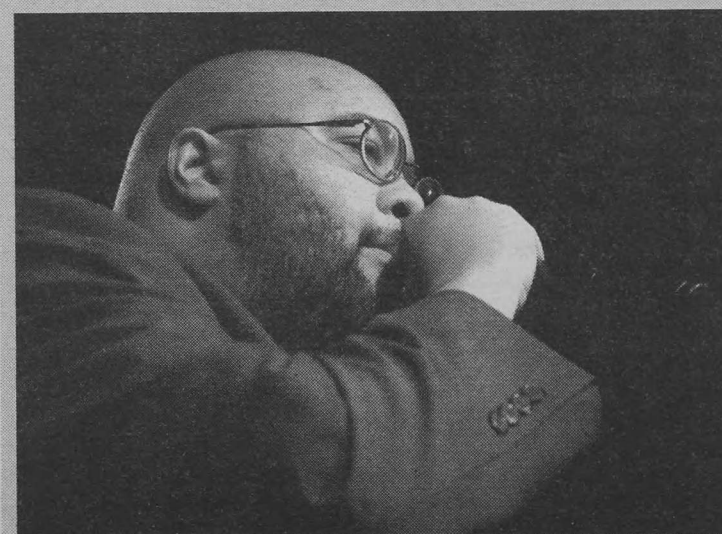
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Blackalicious shows up Showbox



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Gift of Gab, the MC for Blackalicious works the crowd at the Showbox on Saturday. The legendary socially conscious rapper from the bay area, who performed hits such as Alphabet Aerobics and Blazing Arrow, returned to Seattle to promote his live DVD that was filmed at the same venue on April 20th, 2006.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday October 25,

Men's soccer vs. Western Washington University
2:30 p.m.
Championship Field

Volleyball at Western Washington University
7:00 p.m.
Bellingham, Washington

Friday October 26,

UW volleyball (5) vs. Washington State
7:00 p.m.
Seattle, Washington

UW women's soccer vs. Oregon State
7:00 p.m.
Seattle, Washington

Saturday October 27,

Rugby club at University of Puget Sound
3:00 p.m.
Portland Playfield in Tacoma, Washington

Women's soccer vs. Northwest Nazarene
12:00 p.m.
Championship Field

UW football vs. Arizona
12:00 p.m.
Husky Stadium

WSU football vs. UCLA
3:30 p.m.
Pullman, Washington

Men's baseball vs. Washington Athletic Club
7:00 p.m.
Connolly Center

Volleyball vs. Central Washington University
7:00 p.m.
Ellensburg, Washington
Sunday October 28,

UW women's soccer vs. Oregon
12:00 p.m.
Seattle, Washington

Monday October 29,

Men's soccer vs. Incarnate Word
2:30 p.m.
Championship Field

Health & Fitness

Fighting the freshman fifteen with nutrition

Sean Towey
Sports Editor

You've been away from mom and dad for over a month now, and the only thing you have to show for it is 15 pounds around your mid-section. And the Connolly Center is awfully far away.

However, the noble souls at Bon Appetit are trying to help you lose those extra pounds before you go home to the ridicule of family and friends. Jim Cooley, executive chef for Bon Appetit, is one of the many nutritional experts at Seattle University eager to guide students toward healthier eating patterns.

"Students need to stay away from fried foods," said Cooley. "We don't use trans fats here, but that means we have to use butter. There are about nine calories in every gram of butter that we use."

Cooley, who has attended several nutritional seminars in the area, understands exactly what foods to stay away from at the Cherry Street Market.

"A dessert every now and then is fine," said Cooley. "But they do have a lot of butter, and calories. I think what really gets people are those impulse buys while their in line, the cookies and brownies. Students should really stay away from those."

If a student has the financial capability to afford a beverage, Cooley strongly advises staying away from soda.

"Soda's terrible for you," he said. Cooley said the amount of

sugar in a half-liter bottle of pop is staggering. If the amount of sugar contained in high-fructose corn syrup used to produce pop was poured directly into the bottle, the bottle would be half full of white sugar.

Bon Appetit has culinary alternatives to the fattier options at C-Street.

"We have lots of whole grains, and legumes," said Cooley. "We always have brown rice as a substitute to white rice. Brown rice is much better for you."

Currently, 70 percent of the rice prepared at C-Street is white rice and 30 percent is brown.

"I would like to see those percentages flipped," said Cooley.

The amount of food students eat at each meal also has a lot to do with weight gain.

"Americans are insane about portion sizes," said Cooley. "You only need four ounces maximum of protein. That's about the palm of your hand."

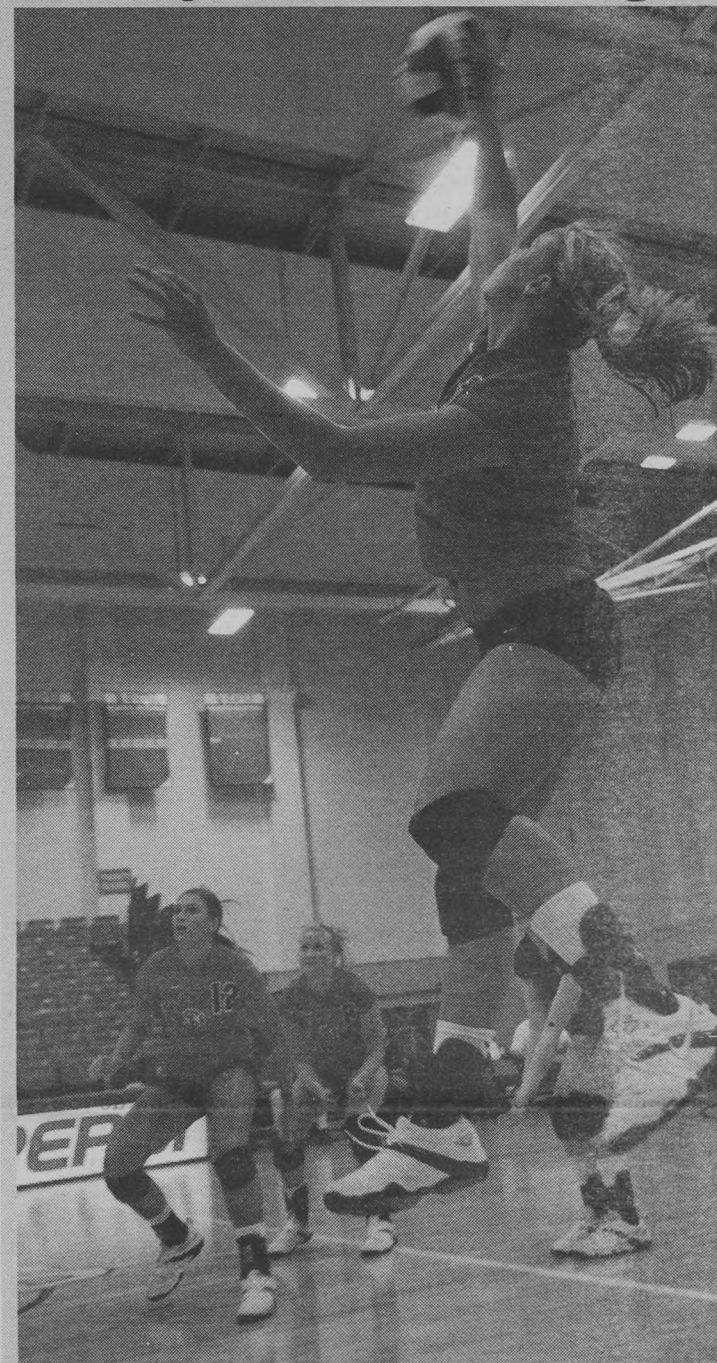
Cooley also encourages students to stay away from red meat for more reasons than health. The production of red meat also harms the environment.

Beyond these helpful tips, Cooley recommends students try selections at C-Street they might not regularly consider.

"They are always fresh fruit and vegetables available," he said. "We use very little oil when we prepare our vegetables. Students should eat a lot more vegetables."

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Volleyball wins big



Isaac Ginsberg

Special to The Spectator

Nikole Thompson spikes the ball during Seattle University's sweep of Alaska-Fairbanks on Thursday. Thompson recorded 11 kills during the match. The volleyball team recorded a 3-1 win on Saturday against Alaska-Anchorage. Thompson had 14 kills, three service aces, and 12 defensive digs in that match.

Athlete recovering from fourth ACL tear

Numerous studies seem to prove that women have a much higher chance of tearing their ACL. According to the NCAA, one in 10 female athletes tear an ACL every year and are four to eight times more likely to do so than male athletes.

McAdams says this can be attributed to a number of factors, including different hip joint sizes and a difference between men and women in terms of muscle mass and skeletal growth. However, one specific reason cannot be identified.

Recovery processes are often the same for both sexes.

Seattle U women's soccer player Megan Fogarty said she spent about two hours every day rehabilitating her knee. Forner estimates he spent about the same amount of time during his rehabilitation. Both were injured for six months.

Both players were able to recover from their injuries and return to starting roles. While both say the most common occurrence is soreness after

the game, neither has felt weaker while playing.

"It's more getting over the men-

"Today, the tears and recovery are almost commonplace"

Dr. Michael McAdams

tal part," said Forner. "It really has nothing to do with the muscle. But the thought that it could happen again will always be in the back of my mind."

According to experts, Forner should not be concerned. All four of Forner's injuries have been clean ACL tears, meaning he did not tear his meniscus, a piece of cartilage responsible for moving the knee's joint. Because the meniscus receives no blood flow, it cannot go through a normal healing

process, meaning the piece must either be surgically repaired using other cartilage from the body, or the athlete must simply risk playing on a damaged meniscus.

"Athletes who tear their ACLs are actually three times more likely to tear their opposite ACL then re-tear their damaged one," said McAdams.

Fogarty, on the other hand, did tear her meniscus. Doctors used part of her patella tendon to replace the cartilage, making it possible for her to play. However, because of the tear, she will be much more likely to develop arthritis later in life. McAdams said that those who tear the meniscus can develop arthritis as soon as 10 to 20 years after the tear.

Outside of the possibility of arthritis, experts are unclear on the long term effects that those suffering from ACL injuries will experience. Any studies on the issue, said McAdams, would take 40 to 50 years. With the improvements in the treatment being so recent, data is hard to come by.

McAdams says that those in the medical community are fairly certain turf fields have little to do with the rise in injuries. A study put out by the NFL found that no injuries were more likely to occur from playing on grass rather than turf.

"It's hard to gauge these things, because the studies take so long to conduct," said McAdams.

While it may take time to pinpoint what factors lend to an athlete being more likely to suffer a tear, the opportunity to study these factors has become increasingly more plentiful, due to the number of athletes who tear an ACL and return to playing time.

"Ten to 20 years ago, a high level athlete with an ACL tear may have been facing a career ending injury. Today, the tears and recovery are almost commonplace," said McAdams.

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Swim team learning from tough loss

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It would be mistake to judge Seattle University women's swimming first home meet solely on the final score. Loyola Marymount's victory, 122 to 83, overshadowed the triumphs of Seattle University during last Thursday's meet.

"In a meet like this you can easily focus on the overall loss of the meet," said Seattle U's head coach Craig Mallery, "But I think we had multiple wins and it was a win for us."

One such win was the university's team captain, junior Christina Hunsberger, setting a NCAA B qualifying standard and claiming first in the 1000 freestyle with a time of 10:47.97. This means that if she makes an A qualifying standard she can swim in the event in Nationals.

Other Seattle U highlights were sophomore Alex Weiss' first place finish in the 100 butterfly

in 1:00.22 and the 100 backstroke where senior Francesca Reale and freshman Carole Triem battled it out in the final lap. Reale's swim in 1:02.57 inched out her teammate's second place finish in 1:02.98.

The other eight events went to Loyola, though not without a fight. Hunsberger said that the Seattle U swimmers rose to the challenge of their Division I rival.

"Even though we may have lost, it brought good competition to our team and we were able to step it up and make it really competitive and make the best out of everything," she said.

The 400 freestyle relay was a particularly exciting event. Seattle U's team of Reale, freshman Kelsey Henan, Hunsberger, and junior Megan Lavin maintained a close race until the bitter end, when the Loyola relay team edged a win on the speed of their anchor swimmer, Alicia Witter. Loyola swam a time of 3:42.91



Braden VanDragt
Sophomore Alex Weiss competes in the 100 butterfly during a meet at the Connolly Center on Thursday. She took first place in this event.

with Seattle U right behind with 3:44.69.

The victories of this meet in addition to strong performances at earlier out-of-town meets seem to indicate the strong future of the program.

"The women really stepped

up to level of the competition. [Loyola is] part of our conference, they're a Division I program," Mallery said. "That's the direction we're going."

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D-I open forum highlights important issues

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The first Division I Task Force open forum illuminated the Task Force's main responsibility to develop a Division I program that does not compromise Seattle U's academic excellence, as well as concerns that some compromises may be inevitable.

The charge of the Task Force will be to answer the question, "What are the most strategically important things Seattle University can do in the next five years to develop a Division I intercollegiate athletics program consistent with our integrated approach to Jesuit education?"

The overarching concerns voiced at the forum centered on the potential to sacrifice Seattle U's close-knit and academically conducive atmosphere for D-I.

Tony Blum, senior management major, raised his concern that the transition will alter Seattle U's culture for the worse.

"[We need to] prioritize what we want and decide which things are most costly. What can we keep that's valuable to us and what can we gain that's still valuable enough to us that it doesn't sacrifice things we want to keep," said Blum.

Timothy Leary, senior vice president, walked through the Task Force's goals to maintain Seattle U's culture and highlight the issues the Task Force will address.

"We need to take into consideration four distinct issues: first is diversity, second is technology, third is sustainability, how the university's commitment to sustainability is impacted in our move to D-I and, finally, enrollment. What happens as a result of our move?" said Leary.

In response to the arguments academic excellence will suffer as a result of the move to D-I, Leary noted that many academically

selective universities on the west coast also play at the D-I level.

"The notion that they couldn't happen in the same institution is one that we don't subscribe to. The question is: how do you do it right?" said Leary.

In an effort to consult as broadly as possible with people invested in the issue the Task Force will hold four more open forums. The Task Force intends to identify four or five major guiding principles with three specific initiatives under each principle, which they will present Nov. 29 to the Board of Trustees.

"One of the things we want to be careful with in our Task Force is that we don't drill down so deeply that we deal with only micro-issues and miss the macro," said Leary. "We want to make sure that when all of us are gone from the university that we'll have some guiding principles for how we do athletics at a Jesuit Catholic institution," he said.

The Task Force must work around a time constraint to develop final recommendations to give to the Strategic Planning Group on how to integrate D-I status with Seattle U's principles by Dec. 12.

When confronted with the concern about insufficient facilities for D-I Leary responded that facility issues would need to be addressed no matter what athletic status Seattle U held.

"We have big time issues. We're just under resourced... These are not D-I issues per say, these are health and wellness issues," said Leary.

The priorities Leary listed included revamping Logan field with all-weather turf to create an outdoor multi-purpose recreational field, expanding the gym facilities and developing the Connolly Center.

According to Leary, only the



Jackie Canchola
Athletic Director Bill Hogan speaks about the history of the Connolly Center at the D-I open forum on Thursday.

fourth facility issue, the lack of a basketball arena, pertains to D-I directly.

"That's a D-I question but that really is the only facility that is marked with the D-I question. The rest of the stuff we need to do because it's the right thing to do for students and we also need to do it because we're way behind," said Leary.

In regards to facility concerns, Leary stated the bigger issue lies with long-term solutions.

"It's our hope that long-term we will be able to build an on-campus special events center arena. On campus facilities really only happen when the programs take off so that's a ways for us," said Leary. "As much as we'd like to think that it's right around the corner, it's probably in concert with the growth of the program."

Though Seattle U may not have D-I appropriate facilities, the university is in full

compliance with Title IX, a key factor in D-I eligibility.

Assistant athletic director Erin Engelhardt briefly mentioned in the forum that the compliance review date has been set for next year. Additionally, she will help piece together a self-study that

focuses on three areas: governance and compliance, equity and student-athlete welfare and academic integrity.

"One piece [of title IX] is to ensure that we are offering the sports that are of interest to our student body. Proportionality and program expansion are the other "prongs" to Title IX," said Engelhardt.

In the next forum scheduled for Oct. 30 Leary said the Task Force will relay the university's current status of the athletic program.

"Part of what we're going to the next time through is let everyone know where we are with our program currently, graduation rates, GPAs of athletes... all of those kinds of questions that we know are very important to us as we look at ourselves as a Jesuit institution," said Leary.

With a decision that's already been made, Leary stressed it's time to discuss how to best guide the D-I transition.

As Blum said, "Where there's a will there's a way, but is it worth it? That's the only question I hope they ask."

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Hansen finishes fifth in GNAC finale

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The Redhawk men's and women's cross country teams returned to Seattle on Sunday after strong runs at the GNAC Championships held in Nampa, Idaho. The women's team returns with a fifth place team finish. The men's team finished sixth overall. Both placements are improvements over last year's ninth place finish for the women and seventh place finish for the men.

The women were led on the six kilometer course by junior Katie Hansen who grabbed a top five finish. Hansen was one of only four Seattle University runners to finish in the top five.

"Katie ran very well and was very impressive," said head coach Trisha Steidl. "A top-five finish does not happen often in this program."

Hansen finished in fifth place with a time of 22:07. She was followed by sophomore teammate Rachel Yorkston who finished in 18th place with a time of 23:04.

"I started more conservatively than the other girls," said Hansen. "In the first 2000 meters I was 15th or 20th, but in the last 300 meters I passed three girls."

The men's race was filled with great performances by Seattle University runners, according to Steidl.

"The team really stepped it up and proved that they were better than last year," said freshman runner Adam Kollgaard.

The top Redhawk finisher on the men's side was senior Nathan Heitzinger. Heitzinger placed eleventh, running the eight km course in 25:59 and improving on his 2005 37th place finish.

Other runners were freshman Nick Cannata-Bowman who finished 37th with a time of 27:00 and Kollgaard who placed 60th with a time of 27:53.

"They really saved their best races for when it counted," said Steidl.

Kollgaard felt the team "did very well considering last year's finish" even though the course was very deceptive. "It was very flat so it looked fast but there was a strong headwind," he noted.

The cross country team continues practice this week. Seven runners from each team will return to Idaho on Nov. 3 to run in the NCAA West Regionals in Boise.

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Seattle has long been lauded and congratulated on its ability to support and sustain two daily newspapers which serve its populace. Though recent arbitration between the Seattle Times and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer has overshadowed the relevance that two news sources provide for the greater Puget Sound region, having options in the search for news and opinion is important. More sources of diverse and differing perspectives elicit an active and informed citizenry as well as promote readership and raise expectations and integrity of all parties involved.

Recently the College Republicans of Seattle University announced their intentions of publishing "The Chieftain," an additional newspaper to serve the Seattle University community.

Just as the city of Seattle benefits from two sources of daily print news, the Seattle University campus will ultimately benefit from a sense of competition between two on-campus newspapers. Though it may seem as though we are promoting our own demise with our support of a competing news source, The Chieftain will force The Spectator to provide increasingly relevant news to the Seattle University community and we will be held to a higher standard of journalistic integrity.

Open competition guides the free market, as it leads to increased efficiencies and informational, technological and material improvements. Competition spurs ingenuity and forces individuals and organizations to constantly critique and improve upon their efforts. Given a new level of journalistic competition at Seattle University, both parties will be forced to reanalyze their efforts to ensure that the news that they are providing is both relevant and accurate to our readers.

Though the institution of a campus newspaper created by a political

organization lends itself to possible suspicion that it will be biased and politically motivated in its agenda, we hope not and have no reason to believe that this will be the case. Until we observe otherwise, we, along with the rest of Seattle University, should expect The Chieftain to hold itself to the same journalistic and ethical standards that any other publication would abide by.

That being said, and although we are intrigued by the fact that the College Republicans have undertaken the initiative to establish an alternate news source, we resist that The Chieftain and The Spectator will represent opposing ends of the political spectrum. The Spectator prides itself on being unbiased in our representation and coverage of campus, community and national news. We boast our opinion pages as a forum for open and diverse dialogue and we allow our entertainment content to appeal to all aspects of the university community. While it may seem intuitive that The Chieftain will represent a conservative viewpoint, it should not be assumed that The Spectator is or will become the liberal voice of Seattle University. Though we welcome both viewpoints in our editorial section, the voice of this newspaper is neither; the voice of this newspaper is to promote the interests of the students of Seattle University.

At The Spectator we will continue to employ a staff that will to delve into the issues that matter to this institution and our community and we will still provide an open forum for discussions and opposing viewpoints. We will act as a staging ground for future journalists, we will continue to hold ourselves to the highest levels of journalistic and ethical integrity, and finally, we look forward to being held accountable by not only our readers, but also by a new competing news source at Seattle U.

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UW "awareness week" unproductive

Chris Kissel
Opinion Editor

Last week, a controversy came to a head at the University of Washington when the College Republicans announced that they would be putting on an "Islamofascist Awareness Week." The event, which is taking place at somewhere around 100 other universities in the country, has come under fire by Muslim community groups.

Organizations like Seattle Arab American Community Coalition, according to an article I read in The Seattle Times, say that the ties between Islam and fascism implied by the event are much too broad, and that the association fosters a generally negative attitude toward Islam in general.

The UW College Republicans have repeatedly stated that they are focused solely on "the terrorist threat of Islam." They refuse to acknowledge that the event could be seen as harmful toward efforts to promote Islam as the fundamentally peaceful religion that it is.

Opponents continue to argue that the effort can only be unproductive.

"Unfortunately, when people hear the term they don't think

of only a small group of extremists, but of Islam in general," Amin Odeh, member of the Arab American Community Coalition,

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said to The Times.

The point is that even though there may be sects of Islam that continue to actively threaten American lives, there is nothing constructive in highlighting the relationship between the religion and the violence that fanatics have committed in its name.

As Odeh points out, "radical anything is dangerous — radical Muslims, radical Christians, radical Jews. Education is needed."

Besides the fact that it's silly to imply that a particular religion

may be a terrorist threat—can you imagine a Christian-Fascists week?—it's frustrating that a group like the College Republicans won't admit that an event like this could be very hurtful to Americans who already feel vulnerable.

I'm not demanding that the UW College Republicans change their ideology, but it wouldn't hurt their case to be more considerate to the complaints of people who are regularly victimized on the basis of their religion.

I should be fair, however, because it isn't only the UW College Republicans that have been particularly insensitive; in an article in this week's Spectator, Kelley Goetz, president of the Seattle University College Republicans, acknowledged that their organization's new newspaper will be called "The Chieftain."

When I talked to her, she insisted that the College Republicans merely wanted to poke fun at the political correctness of Seattle University in general and didn't think the name would be offensive to anyone.

"That's not our intention at all," said Goetz. "If someone were to write to us and say something about it, I think that we would definitely change it."

While the intention may not be there, the reality is that the College Republicans should be more considerate when it comes to a potentially offensive things like this.

I'm not saying that I agree or disagree with the conservative ideas that these clubs espouse. Because of the popular image of conservatism, it's only in the interest of these groups to make sure their name doesn't continue to be synonymous with stereotypical hateful fanaticism.

Both of these groups would benefit from a little more compassion. To express a political statement by utilizing a denotation that is totally racially insensitive, like "The Chieftain," or to insist on putting on an event that a large group of people might feel threatened by, like "Islamofascist Awareness Week," only weakens the stance of both of these groups by limiting their influence to certain people.

The groups, which already represent the dominant force in modern U.S. politics, could only bolster their position by toning down their confrontational attitudes and adopting a bit of sensitivity.

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Complete withdrawal with no strings attached: the only patriotic option

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I was recently out with some friends at a bar, and the conversation inevitably turned to politics—the one issue that, as history has proved again and again, should never be discussed in such a setting.

Despite the political differences that came up during our conversation—everyone had their opinion on who to support for president and how to handle the national deficit—there was one position that I was forced to defend alone, against the united group: my belief that the United States should withdraw all of its military and government resources from Iraq, immediately and with no strings attached.

There are generally three main arguments against immediate withdrawal: the “pride” claim—that the United States has a duty to win this war, lest we risk disgracing our good name in the international community; the terror claim—that Iraq is a haven for extremists, and that world peace can only be ensured by eradicating these terrorists; and the humanitarian claim—that we destroyed their country and have a duty to rebuild it as a democracy, without allowing civil war to erupt beforehand.

All three of these arguments are misguided, and sidestep the government’s responsibility to the American people in the name of a false sense of moral satisfaction.

The first of these claims is the easiest to discredit because of its absurdity: the United States has already lost the war in Iraq. This is not left-wing, anti-American sentiment. These are the facts. What is anti-American is the collective willingness to waste lives, money and resources in the name of “honor.”

The terror claim, meanwhile, is

simple fear mongering: that if we don’t completely eradicate extremism in Iraq, global terrorism will prosper.

The Washington Post, in an article from more than a year ago, reported that even the unbiased National Intelligence Council agreed in an April 2006 report that our involvement is hurting—not helping—the war on terror.

“[The NIC’s National Intelligence Estimate] cites the ‘centrality’ of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, and the insurgency that has followed, as the leading inspiration for new Islamic extremist networks and cells that are united by little more than an anti-Western agenda,” writes reporter Karen DeYoung. “It concludes that, rather than contributing to eventual victory in the global counterterrorism struggle, the situation in Iraq has worsened the U.S. position.”

Islamic extremism—whether in Iraq or Afghanistan or Pakistan or Iran—is not going away, and will only continue to grow due to two factors: the spread of fanatical Islam in countries where such primitive values are tolerated, and American occupation of those countries. While the first of these factors will forever be outside our control, reducing our military presence in the Middle East, starting with Iraq, could easily eliminate the second.

The humanitarian claim is unfortunately the one that has people from both sides of the political spectrum behind it.

Let’s assume for a minute, against all evidence otherwise, that the Iraqi people actually want us to stay. Let’s assume that the Iraqis themselves are in no way responsible for the carnage that they’ve wrought in their own cities. Even without these two pivotal factors, we have no duty to rebuild. Destruction—death, poverty and homelessness—are all parts of

war.

If we didn’t want them to occur, we should have thought twice about launching an unwarranted attack in the first place. Forcing the American people to deal with the burden of rebuilding a shattered nation that only a few leaders are responsible for creating is not fair to a population that, as opinion polls tell us time and time again, has increasingly little support for the war.

Thinking that one country has the power to bring peace to the entire world is idealistic, and thinking that doing so through any method beyond leading by example is downright absurd.

Ultimately, no troops should remain to help reconstruction or ease the transition of power. No money, beyond that gathered by private organizations, should be funneled into this bottomless pit. If Iraq falls into civil war, it won’t be our problem, because our young men and women will no longer be in harm’s way. It is the responsibility of the Iraqi people—who, if they truly cared about ending occupation, would get their act together and step up to the plate—to decide what course their country will take.

Of course, the neoconservatives in our country, who think America should actually serve the interests of anyone but Americans, will take

issue with this. After The Seattle Times wrote an editorial in July calling for immediate withdrawal, Jim Miller at Sound Politics took issue with The Times’ claim that withdrawal would reduce killing.

“Tell us what you expect to happen in Iraq, and around the world, if we do what you say we should,” wrote Miller. “Support your predictions with examples from history, such as the success of the UN withdrawal from Rwanda. [...] Or perhaps you could use our withdrawal from Indochina, with all the wonderful consequences for Cambodia.”

But Miller is missing the point. He doesn’t realize that the American government isn’t responsible for Rwandans, or Cambodians, or Iraqis. It is responsible for one group of people; Americans.

Killing, murder and genocide are bad, and should be condemned by the international community. But thinking that one country has the power to bring peace to the entire world is idealistic, and thinking that doing so through any method beyond leading by example is downright absurd.

Some will argue that the withdrawal approach is heartless, leaving the Iraqi people to bear the brunt of our mistakes. But think about it impartially. We are citizens of the United States. Our elected officials have a duty to the military and financial interests of the American people. And when it comes to sacrificing American lives and taxpayer dollars to rebuild a country that has been showing little effort to control its own citizens, the answer is almost painfully obvious: the only patriotic move is immediate withdrawal.

Now if only I could convince my friends—and the rest of my countrymen—the same.

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Misleading lottery

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Seattle University is known for its commitment to social justice, but may need a few lessons in generosity. In an attempt to equalize the bottom line of their \$25,000 tuition and help out struggling Seattle U community members, the Office of Human Resources is offering staff and students who are parents of infants and toddlers a lottery in which they can win \$1,200 for one year for pre-first grade care. A total of 26 awards are available, to be split between faculty and students.

While the money seems like a gift, it actually counts toward the parent’s financial record. “Winners” of this award will work with Seattle U payroll and will have to file this “gift” in their tax breakdown. In a campus-wide e-mail sent Oct. 11, the university stated that this award will be considered in future financial aid packages rewarded to the student in question.

This isn’t about generosity, it’s about business. All future student loans, federal taxes and student financial aid awarded to students who qualify will take into account the weight of this additional \$1,200.

This makes it easier to cut Seattle U benefits from families who really depend on them, and could easily put a family in jeopardy.

First of all, \$1,200 a year barely scrapes the surface of what it takes to raise a child. Full-time child care costs are between \$110 and \$125 per week, according to the Washington State Family Child Care Resource and Referral Network.

For the parents of a young child, going back to school can seem like an impossible dream. The university promotes diversity and understanding, while single mothers that attend the university are working sometimes two or three jobs just to provide food for their children. Seattle U’s financial donation could be a blessing or a curse—receiving this award could mean less money in the future.

At first glance, this award program seems great—it offers unbiased money for families who need it and will help continue their academic careers while caring for their children. On the other hand, this program comes with too much baggage—the award appears on financial aid transcripts, your tax forms and other reference points that determine one’s financial income, so when its time to reapply for a loan, earning that extra \$1,200 a year could mean a lot less financial aid or government assistance where it is really needed.

If Seattle University really wants to help the struggling parents on campus, offer this lottery with no financial repercussions. Or better yet, create a day care for children to play in while their parents go to school. Just don’t advertise this lottery as a gift.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Debate over the move aside, Seattle University must not return to D-I Athletics as the Chieftains. American Indian Higher Education, the American Indigenous Coalition on Institutional Accountability, and the American Indian Movement, among others, agree.

Indeed, the university should take advantage of our more prominent position in Division I Athletics to inform not only international students, but all students, faculty, and Seattle residents. People need to understand the current plight of reservations—the drug use, lack of medical resources, and even the existence of Casinos, which are not the realization of the American Dream, but instead are one more way in which the already compromised population is targeted and exploited of

scarce resources. We need to understand that Native Americans do not yet even have a patron saint, but are still working toward that title for the figure of Blessed Kateri Tekawitha. And yes, we need to learn more about the achievements of Chief Seattle upon entrance to the university.

But a name change back to the Chieftains does not facilitate such education; it hinders it. At the risk of sounding like Dr. Phil, it is time to get real.

One cannot argue against the aggressive, if not violent, nature of sports and athletics. Our connection in name to Chief Seattle should be, and is, in the name Seattle University. By modeling the mascot specific to our sports teams after a component of Native American culture, we are appealing to the stereotype of Native Americans as little more than

vicious fighters. Our school name of Seattle University represents all aspects of the University, athletic and otherwise; we do not need to focus our connection to Native Americans chiefly (pardon the pun) on our athletic sector.

In fact, what would a name change back to Chieftains do for the sports department, aside from inducing fake battle cries in adrenaline-pumped fans? The embodiment of our ties to Native American culture should not be in comparing our duels on the basketball court to the feats of Chief Seattle, who actually acted as an agent of peace whenever possible. Comparing his life to that of a soccer team captain is demeaning, to say the least, and perpetuates the typecast of Native Americans as fierce scalpers. In no way would the name change promote understanding or celebration of a multi-

dimensional, valid culture.

Not to mention that it should not be up to Joe Six-Pack to decide whether the name tokenizes mass genocide. When tribal and organizational leaders are consulted, all say the same thing. The use of Native American cultural attributes in the arena of academics and athletics is not use, it is abuse without permission.

So if that means a few alumni will now withhold donated funds, then we should not resist. In fact, alumni giving has increased, not decreased, each year since the change from Chieftains to Redhawks. For those few alum that have chosen to cease contributions in response to the change, the remedy is education, not appeasement.

JoEllen Koester

Simple Assault

October 18, 3:45 p.m.

Public Safety received a report from a male student that another student has been punching and shoving him over the past six months.

Simple Assault

October 19, 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety took a report from a student who reported another female student assaulted her at an off campus apartment. Student Conduct is following up.

Alcohol

October 19, 11:55 p.m.

Public Safety and a Resident Assistant checked on a student vomiting in the bushes. The student was intoxicated and checked ok. The student was escorted to his room by the RA & PS where the RA followed up on the student.

Suspicious Circumstances

October 20, 12:25 a.m.

Residence Life staff reported an odor of marijuana from one of the Murphy apartments. Public Safety arrived and a Residence Assistant contacted the room occupants. A slight odor was detected but no evidence of marijuana was observed. Occupants said no one was smoking marijuana.

Suspicious Circumstances

October 20, 11:30 p.m.

Public Safety received a report from a student that someone had run through the Quad naked. Public Safety searched the area but no one was spotted.

Safety Assistance

October 20, 12:45 p.m.

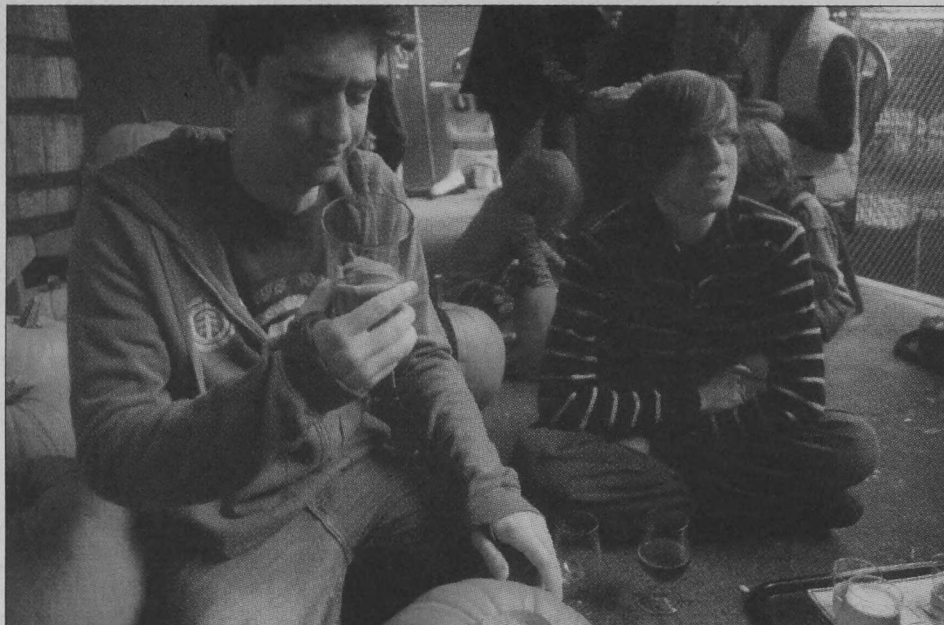
A chemical fume hood exhaust the sixth floor of Bannan shut down. The facilities supervisor was contacted and is following up.

Trespass Warning

October 20, 4:50 p.m.

Public Safety warned two non-affiliates for trespassing on the Lemieux Library lawn. The non-affiliates said they were looking for mushrooms. Malicious Mischief
October 21, 10:30 a.m.
Public Safety found a broken exit sign in the garage. Public Safety investigated and traced down the malicious mischief to a student through CCTV, license plate, and parking permit. Public Safety is following up.

Pumpkin Beer Festival at the Elysian Brewery



All photos taken by Joey Anchando

The second annual Pumpkin Beer Festival at the Elysian Brewery on Saturday the 20th of October featured 13 different pumpkin style beers including a pumpkin filled with Portergeist smoked pumpkin porter and aged inside of the pumpkin (bottom left).

Devin McBrownin: Battle University

Fourth in a nine part series

"Now I'm just saying, moving to Division I sports, that's one thing, but not changing the name from Redhawks to the Chieftains as we do it...Did the Spartans worry about political correctness? I think not!" Dr. Madsen's white head rose out of my peripheral vision as I slowly looked up from his Joycean stream of consciousness "seminar" to hear my favorite part of class – Madsen's political rants.

"Now Pericles on the other hand..." He looked at me with a hint of disapproval before focusing in on the girl beside me. He put his hands on the table and leaned at Rachel, waving his fist.

"Pericles gave Athens what they needed! A brilliant...strategos..." My Helen of Troy looked right back at Madsen, unflinchingly.

Too bad I left the womb flinching. Rachel proceeded to perfectly articulate the answer to Madsen's question. So having both Ryan and Rachel in my life has been a far cry from the boring doldrums of high school. Twin blonde sisters? As different as night and day. One is mostly responsible for the broken pinkie I sustained during that last rugby game (during warm-up) while the other has me playing with Elmer's and popsicle sticks.

Speaking of which, the other day I was assigned to work with a group of kindergarten art students at T.T. Minor.

"Billy took my glue!" Little Mary Sue (I renamed her for better stereotyping of the annoyingness of children) whined at me while Billy proceeded to stick the glue tip up his nose. We were making puppets for the new performance Peter Rabbit next Friday. I wonder if the students of "The Life of Galileo" know about their competition.

Editor's note: The preceding is a work of fiction in an ongoing series about life at SU. what do you think of the new back page of your newspaper? Send your comments and suggestions to spectator@seattleu.edu. Previous Devin McBrownin articles can be viewed online at spectator.seattleu.edu

Mrs. Smith approached me with a smile on her face that wasn't going to be good for me.

"Hi there Devin. The students over at Bailey Gazert are working on a new mural tomorrow with some of our students. Do you think that you could bring the paint over?"

The sugar-sweet smile hit every guilty Catholic nerve in me, and before I knew it, I was carting two gallons of white paint across the Seattle University campus. The paints hit against my legs as I struggled to remember why I had just endured more time with children. As I approached the new seal emblazoned at the Marion Street entrance, I noticed a group of students, looking rather like protesters.

"We are the Chieftains! The mighty, mighty Chieftains! Change us back!" Students painted with red and black face paint shouted and waved posters. Those bleeding-heart liberals. Before I could sigh at the new expression of "social justice", out of nowhere, I was side-swiped by a long-boarding Arizonan with floppy hair, sending my rather slight body and two gallons of paint flying in the air, landing in one large mess on the spanking new seal.

Uh oh. Maybe those protesters and anti-sealers will like my change.

As I walked away, I saw my new artwork.

Formed out of spilt paint, the seal now said, "Battle University."

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